



Person



Place

Types of Nouns

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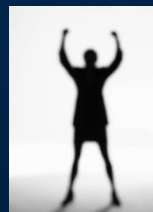
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Types of Nouns

- Common/ Proper
- Abstract/ Concrete
- Collective
- Human/ Non-Human
- Plural/ Singular

A noun will always be a person, place, thing or idea!



Common/ Proper Nouns

- A common noun is a general name for a person, place, thing or idea.

Example- theater

- A proper noun is a name of a specific person, place, thing or idea.

Example- Palace Theater

- Only proper nouns need to be capitalized, so a big clue is if the noun is capitalized.

Concrete Nouns

- These nouns are the ones we can visualize.

Examples: Table, Rock, Flag, Hairdresser

- ...you can SEE
- ...you can TOUCH
- ...you can TASTE
- ...you can HEAR
- ... you can SMELL

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Concrete Nouns have Sight, Touch, Hear, Smell, Taste



Leaves- Touch



Sour- Taste



Disturbance- Hear



Stench- Smell



Smoke- Sight

Abstract Nouns

- These nouns are usually ideas or concepts with **no clear visual image**.

...Ideas

...Thoughts

...Feelings/Emotions

...Concepts

- Examples- Sincerity, Anger, Happiness, Hope, Love, Intelligence

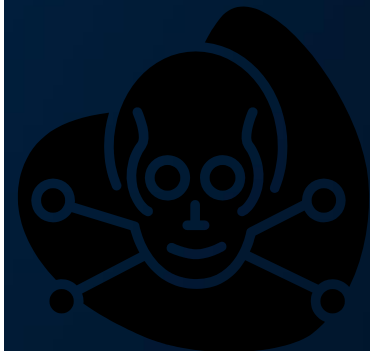
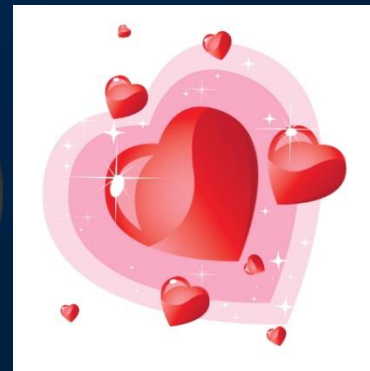
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Think of an image for HOPE

Everyone has a different image in mind!

These **abstract nouns** can only be described and imagined.

This is why abstract nouns often have symbols to show meaning.



Human/ Non-Human Nouns

Human

boys

girls



Non-human...

animals

nature

objects



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Choosing between human and non-human nouns is important when talking about a noun in a sentence.

- The rock smiled.
- WRONG!
- The boy smiled.



- Who is making that noise? (A person)
- What is making that noise? (Something nonhuman!)

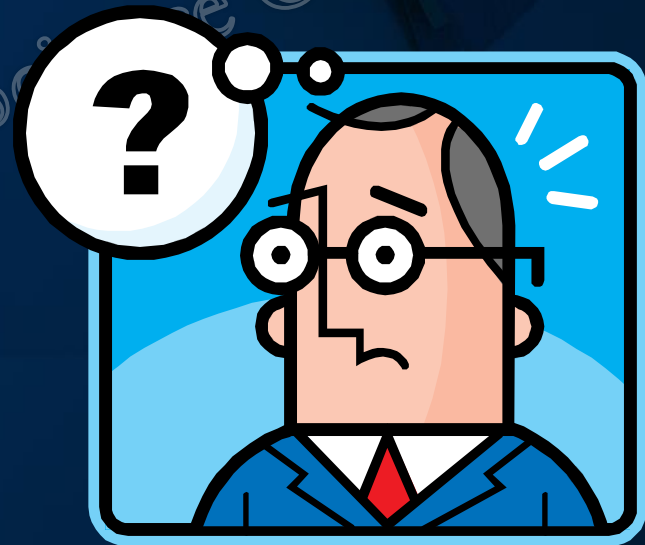
Human/ Non-Human Nouns

- A good test to decide if a noun is human or non-human is to ask...

Is the noun **alive**?

Could I do this?

Could a **rock** do this?



Collective Nouns

Collective nouns name a group of people or things.
Examples- crew, cast, audience, class, committee



Plural/ Singular

Singular	Rule	Plural
boy, girls	Add -s	boys, girls
echo, hero	Add -s to a few -o endings	echoes, heroes
box, church	Add -es to -s, -sh, -ch, -x, -z endings	boxes, churches
melody, fly	Change -y to -i and add -es to -y endings.	melodies, flies
monkey, day	If a vowel comes before the -y, add -s.	monkeys, days
thief, half	Change -f to -v, add -es to most.	thieves, halves
roof, cuff	Add -s to a few -f endings	roofs, cuffs
corn, tuna, fish	Same spelling	corn, tuna, fish
woman, foot	Irregular plural forms	women, feet

- 1. This BAND is the best of the world.
- 2. TAJ MAHAL is one of the seven wonders of the world.
- 3. TIGERS are an endangered species.
- 4. AMAL studied for his test after going swimming.
- 5. Lara had great TRUST in the police officer.

- 6. The KITTEN had a fear of leaving her warm bed.
- 7. Pinidi felt a lot of anger when RANIDI moved away.
- 8. The dove is a symbol of PEACE.
- 9. Connor has confidence that he'll make the TEAM.
- 10. THILA is very tall for her age.

Point out the nouns in the following sentences and state whether they are common, proper, collective or abstract.

- 1. The angry mob pelted stones at the police.
- 2. Honesty is the best policy.
- 3. You must always speak the truth.
- 4. Julie is my youngest sister.
- 5. Solomon was famous for his wisdom.

- 6. Birds make their nests in trees.
- 7. A committee was appointed to study the situation.
- 8. Nelson is known for his victory at Trafalgar.
- 9. The boys were congratulated on their performance.
- 10. He gave me a bunch of grapes.

- 11. The children sang the national anthem.
- 12. He owns a fleet of cars.
- 13. The lion is the king of beasts.
- 14. Greenland is the largest island.

